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SUBJECT: STATUS REPORT ON CHADIAN LIVESTOCK, TANNING,
AND MANUFACTURING COMPANY

REF: NDJAMENA 2651

1. DEPTOFF CALLED MR. GEORGE MULL FOR STATUS REPORT ON
SUBJECT FIRM. MULL WAS AWARE THAT THERE HAD BEEN SOME
DIFFICULTIES WITH FIRM'S OPERATIONS, BUT HE ATTRIBUTED
THEM TO SEASONAL PROBLEMS WITH TRANSPORT DURING RAINY
SEASON. SAID THAT SALARY PROBLEM WAS IN PROCESS OF BEING
RESOLVED, AND BIAO-CHAD SHOULD PAY OFF CHADIAN WORKERS
IN NEAR FUTURE, IF IT HAD NOT ALREADY DONE SO.

2. MULL SAID THAT NEW CONTRACT WITH CHADIAN GOVERNMENT
HAD BEEN WORKED OUT IN EARLY SEPTEMBER IN WASHINGTON WITH
SECRETARY OF STATE MADENGAR (WHO WAS IN WASHINGTON FOR
ANNUAL IBRD MEETING). AS MADENGAR HAD SAID HE HIMSELF
WOULD SIGN NEW CONTRACT, AND HE DID NOT PLAN TO RETURN
TO CHAD DIRECTLY FROM WASHINGTON, MULL DELAYED HIS PLANS
TO VISIT CHAD. HOWEVER, MULL NOW INTENDS TO FLY TO CHAD

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WITHIN TWO TO THREE WEEKS, AND WILL STRAIGHTEN OUT ANY

REMAINING PROBLEMS AFTER HIS ARRIVAL. HE HAS ALSO BEEN
ABLE TO ARRANGE ADDITIONAL FINANCING FOR PLANT, WHICH WILL
ENABLE HIM TO RESOLVE SOME OF FIRM'S FINANCIAL TROUBLES
DURING HIS UPCOMING VISIT.

3. MULL REPEATED SEVERAL TIMES THAT, AFTER INVESTING
ABOUT 600,000 DOLS IN PLANT, HE HAS NO INTENTION WHATSOEVER
OF ABANDONING IT. IN FACT, HE CONVEYED
IMPRESSION THAT NEW CONTRACT TO BE SIGNED WITH CHADIAN
GOVERNMENT WOULD GIVE PROJECT NEW IMPETUS.

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